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News of Interest for the Alumni of Redeemer College, Ancaster, ON L9G 3N6



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## Do These People Have Something in Common With YOU?



*Hint:*  
All Photographs were taken at  
Redeemer College.

*Further hint:*  
These people are older  
(and more sedate?) now.



*Final hint:*  
These people are all invited to  
Homecoming '92.

Redeemer alumni are advised to reserve **September 25-27** for the big reunion: **Homecoming '92**. The homecoming committee is busy planning an entire weekend to celebrate Redeemer's ten-year anniversary. They plan a barbeque, a formal banquet, an alumni-led church service and plenty of opportunity to socialize. You can help by sending in your own **Homecoming '92** celebration ideas. Contact: Tim Wolfert, your alumni coordinator at Redeemer College.

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## Coordinator's

Greetings fellow Alum!

The last few months have been a time of change at Redeemer College, and the alumni office is no exception.

Michael Hoekstra (whose cheerful salutation I have borrowed), has left the College to pursue other interests.

Mike has taken a position with the *Christian Labour Association of Canada* in his hometown of Chatham, Ontario. On behalf of the Alumni Board, I would like to take this opportunity to wish him and his family all of the best in their new calling, and to thank him for all the work that he has done for the Alumni Association.

Mike often talked about *leading the Alumni Association out of its infancy*; it may not have reached adulthood yet, but thanks to Mike's leadership and energy, the Alumni Association is certainly out of its diapers. Again, thanks Mike, for your contributions to Redeemer College.

That leaves me with the unenviable task of trying to fill the shoes he left behind as the Alumni Affairs Coordinator. I, by the way, am Tim Wolfert, Class of 1987. After graduating from Redeemer, I finished the teacher education program at Calvin College. From there it was off to Breslau, Ontario where I taught geography (and a host of other things) for three years at Woodland Christian High School. Looking for a 'change of



## Corner

pace', I accepted this position in August of this year.

The primary responsibility of the Alumni Affairs Coordinator is to *foster enthusiasm for, and support of the College by alumni through personal verbal*

*or written contact.* From my perspective, this means getting the alumni more involved in the different aspects of the College. Support and enthusiasm can only be increased when the alumni feel that they are an important part of a community.

How are we to improve that sense of community? For me, it will mean keeping the alumni informed of what is happening at Redeemer College and what our fellow alum are up to. It will also mean planning events that give the alumni a chance to participate in that community.

To that end, the Alumni Board and Redeemer College are planning *Homecoming '92*, a celebration to mark the 10th anniversary of Redeemer College. Mark the weekend of September 25-27 on your calendar for the first alumni reunion. More information will follow in upcoming *Images*.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, either about this event or any other aspect of the Alumni Association, please feel free to contact me at the College – after all, it is *your* Alumni Association.

Until next time,  
Tim ○

## A Message From the Alumni Board

by Gerard Kuntz, *President*

### Homecoming

The board of the Alumni Association has shifted into high gear with the planning of *Homecoming '92*. We are excited about the possibilities of that weekend. We hope you will be there to see old faces and to celebrate the ten years of existence of a remarkable institution.

### New Alumni Coordinator

Tim Wolfert was hired as Alumni Affairs Coordinator this past summer. We welcome him to the position which has stood vacant since Mike Hoekstra resigned last spring.

Tim's presence is essential to the workings of the Alumni Association. He serves as our liaison with the college and does the lion's share of the legwork for Alumni Affairs. Tim is gung ho to see alumni assume a greater role in the college, and we as Board stand behind him.

### The Brookview Question

The most notable happening at Redeemer has of course been the collapse of the Brookview Trust. Over the summer details of the collapse have been revealed as they became available both in news releases from Rev. De Bolster, and in articles in such publications as *Calvinist Contact*. The upshot of these revelations is that the faculty and the Student Senate both sent motions of non-confidence in the financial administration of the College, to the Board of Governors.

The Alumni Association Board discussed this matter at a meeting on September 13th. Rick De Graaf, Redeemer's Community Relations Director, explained how the legalities of the trust prevented full revelation of the details thus leading to some of the discontent over what may have seemed to be a cover-up. We discussed the

### Are you S.T.S., S.T.A.R.T. and/or Volunteer Work Crew alumni?

Interested in getting together? There is a meeting on December 6 at Redeemer College. Please let Marian Bakker or Annetta teVelde know! Phone: 648-3306.



situation at length and concluded that while we have sympathy for the faculty and the Student Senate positions it would be inappropriate and possibly counter-productive for the Alumni Association to make a similar statement.

We agreed that this matter has dragged out long enough. Recognizing the positive steps being taken by the president and by the Board of Governors, it is not our place to be dragging elements of Redeemer College through the mud. To this end we drafted a formal statement to Rev. De Bolster which will be discussed with him after this issue of *Images* goes to print.

The statement reads:

The Alumni Board of Redeemer College, recognizing the present difficulties that have resulted from the failure of the Brookview Trust, supports the president's initiative in creating the *Task Force* and *Strategic Planning Committee* looking into the restructuring of the Administration of Redeemer College.

As alumni, we believe we have a valuable contribution to make to both of these committees based on our present involvement and past experiences with the college. Therefore we respectfully request representation on these committees. We wish you God's blessing as you

do the work of the College, and we look forward to your response.

We would like to remind the alumni that the value of Redeemer College lies in its academics. We are confident that the College will come out of this experience stronger than before. ○

### Alumni Leadership Award and the winner is . . .



Mary Ann Ypma is both surprised and elated to receive this year's Alumni Leadership Award. She is elated because the

\$500 award could not have come at a better time financially (as an out-of-province student from Taber, Alberta, she is not eligible for provincial student assistance).

She is surprised because, in her words, she belongs to "a really dynamic graduating class." She was competing with some very deserving classmates and feels it is a real honour to receive the award.

The Redeemer College Alumni

Association confers the Alumni Leadership Award annually to a student entering his or her final year of study. Applicants are judged for their contribution to Redeemer College through volunteer and extra-curricular activities and must maintain a G.P.A. of 7.0 (B-) or better.

When you see Mary Ann's list of activities you know why she was chosen. She is currently in her second year with *Connections*, Redeemer's music ministry team; a co-editor of the yearbook; a peer advisor to a group of six first-year students; and is a varsity volleyball player. Volleyball is her favourite extra-curricular activity.

She has served as Resident Assistant (R.A.) in her second and third years at Redeemer and is presently a Housing Assistant (H.A.). She played in *The Madwomen of Chaillot* (1st year); was one of the Black Box Players (1st and 2nd years); led fellowship hour (2nd year); and worked on Project Serve in Haiti (2nd year).

Mary Ann is in the elementary education program and hopes to be teaching in a Christian school somewhere in Ontario at this time next year. ○

**Subscriptions to the Crown,** Redeemer's student newspaper, are available for \$24/year. Contact Teresa Helleman, distribution manager, at the college.

## Coming Events

Subscription rates available for cultural events. Call Christina Ferguson for information at 648-2131 ext. 217.

All varsity sport events listed are scheduled as home games.

**November 13** - Women's varsity basketball Centennial at 6 p.m.

Also, men's varsity basketball. Royals vs. Niagara at 8 p.m.

**November 15** - Women's varsity volleyball vs. Lambton at 6 p.m.

**November 20** - Men's varsity volleyball vs. George Brown at 8 p.m.

**November 21-23** - Theatre: *"Ten Lost Years"*. Director: Raymond Louter. Each evening at 8:00 p.m. plus matinee at 2:00 p.m. on November 22.

**November 22&23** - Redeemer women's varsity volleyball tournament.

Also, *New Horizons '91 Weekend* for high school seniors.

**November 29** - *Choir and String Festival* featuring the Redeemer Concert Choir. Christiaan Teeuwssen, conductor and Leon Harshenin, piano soloist; with string chamber ensemble.

**November 30** - Men's varsity basketball vs. Sault at 1 p.m.

**April 2-4** - Theatre: *"Crimes of the Heart"*. Director: Simon du Toit. Each evening at 8:00 p.m. plus matinee on April 3.

**April 10** - *Spring Choir and Brass Festival* featuring the Redeemer Concert Choir and Great Lakes Brass. Music by Bach and Handel.

**June 2** - Spring Organ Concert. Classical music.

**September 25-27, 1992**  
*Homecoming '92* ○



## The Personal Touch

**Irene Voordenhout (84)**, who has been a teacher at Lacombe Christian School in Alberta for the last three years, began teaching at Timothy Christian School in Barrie, Ontario in September 1991. Her new address is Box 811, Waterdown, Ontario L0R 2H0.

**John and Nancy Kuikman (Westerhof, x85)** were blessed with the birth of a son on May 7; Joshua Derrick, a brother for Jeremy.

**Sylvia Keesmaat (86)** is in the third year of her doctoral programme in Biblical Studies at Worcester College, Oxford University. She has recently moved to 12 Frenchay Road, Oxford, OX2 6TG, England. Phone: (0865) 512202. Sylvia invites Redeemer folk to drop by anytime for a visit.

**Gerard (86) and Jane Kuntz** were blessed with a second son, Logan James, another prince for the king of the Alumni Association.

**Wayne Miedema (x86)** gave a presentation at a South Western Ontario

Undergraduate Chemistry Conference. He placed third in his section.

**Walt (86) and Ellen VanDerWerf (Rhebergen 86)** have accepted a call to Edson-Peers Christian Reformed Church in Alberta (two hours west of Edmonton). Walt is being ordained into the ministry this fall.

Their address is 4624 - 7th Avenue, Edson, Alberta T7E 1C9. Phone: (403)723-4053. Visitors are welcome.

**Amy Fisher (de Vries, x87)** graduated from Calvin College in May 1990 with a B.A. in Communication Arts and Sciences. She married Michael Fisher on August 11, 1990. Michael is in the psychology program at the University of Waterloo. Amy is presently working at the Stratford Festival as a Publicity Assistant.

**Bruce and Sharon Gritter (Top 87)** had a baby boy, Travis Alexander on February 19, 1991.

Sharon is a part-time student at Hope College and through the college works as a music coordinator at the 14th Street Christian Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan.

Bruce is a student at Calvin Seminary and works in the education department at Sunshine Ministries.

**Wilma Luth (89)** is spending her time in Japan. She plans to be there for at least a year and welcomes letters from anyone who cares to write.

Her address is Iizawa 844-2 Cosmo, Kotobuki 103, Kurobe, Toyama 938, Japan.

**Debbie Slater (x89)** graduated from Atlantic Baptist College with a B.A. in Music on April 27, 1991. She plans to further her studies with a Masters of Religious Education.

**Jim (90) and Monica Heuving (Couperus, x85)** will be moving to Calgary, Alberta to do a one-year Internship as part of the Calvin Theological Seminary training.

Their new address will be 1904-32 Ave. S. W., Calgary, Alberta, T2T 1W4. Phone (403)244-7731.

**Michael J. Koke (90)** has been accepted at McMaster Medical School and will begin in September of 1991. Praise God for answered prayer!

Michael's home address has changed to 980 Scugog Line 6, R.R.#1 Port Perry, Ontario, L9L 1B2.

**Robert (90) and Cindy (Schregardus x90) Kooy** are grieved with the loss of their two-day-old son, Peter Hendrik. Our prayers are with them. ○

## Career Fair

Mark Garner, assistant dean of students, is putting together a Career Fair at Redeemer College on Monday, January 27, 1992.

He is looking especially for alumni participation. If you are at all interested in talking to students about your profession (no matter what it might be), please give him a call at the college.

This is a great opportunity to show off the value of your education at Redeemer College, and to give something back to the school.

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